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FM AMEMBASSY TRIPOLI

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2906

INFO AMEMBASSY CAIRO

AMEMBASSY TUNIS

AMEMBASSY VALLETTA

C O N F I D E N T I A L TRIPOLI 0104

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT

SUBJECT: REPORTED ESCAPE ATTEMPT BY ARRESTED OFFICERS

1. ON JANUARY 21, CHECKPOINTS WERE SET UP ON EXIT ROADS LEADING OUT OF TRIPOLI, AND CARS LEAVING THE CITY WERE SEARCHED.

2. THE EXPLANATION FOR THIS UNUSUAL ACTIVITY MAKING THE ROUNDS IN TRIPOLI IS THAT SEVERAL MILITARY OFFICERS AMONG THOSE ARRESTED LAST AUGUST IN CONNECTION WITH THE MUHAYSHI AFFAIR ATTEMPTED TO ESCAPE. WHEN CHALLENGED AT A CHECKPOINT, THE OFFICERS ARE SAID TO HAVE TRIED TO SHOOT THEIR WAY OUT, KILLING SEVERAL SECURITY PERSONNEL BEFORE BEING RECAPTURED THEMSELVES. ACCOUNTS VARY AS TO WHERE THE SHOOTOUT TOOK PLACE AND HOW MANY SECURITY PEOPLE WERE KILLED. ONE VERSION HAS IT THAT RCC MEMBER BASHIR HAWWADI WAS ONE OF THE ESCAPING OFFICERS, AND THAT RATHER THAN GIVE HIMSELF UP HE JUMPED OUT OF THE TRUNK OF A CAR AND OPENED FIRE WITH AN AUTOMATIC WEAPON, KILLING THREE REPUBLICAN GUARDS (ARMY PERSONNEL).

3. IN THIS CONNECTION, IT IS WORTH NOTING THAT THERE
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STILL HAVE BEEN NO PUBLIC TRIALS OF THE OFFICERS ARRESTED

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